

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

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| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, | ) |                           |
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| Plaintiff,                | ) | Case No. 1:08-cr-00206    |
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| v.                        | ) | Honorable Paul L. Maloney |
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| MARK NOWELL BASNIGHT,     | ) |                           |
|                           | ) |                           |
| Defendant.                | ) |                           |
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**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

Pursuant to W.D. MICH. L.CR.R. 11.1, I conducted a plea hearing in the captioned case on March 17, 2009, after receiving the written consent of defendant and all counsel. There is no written plea agreement. At the hearing, defendant Mark Nowell Basnight entered a plea of guilty to the Superseding Indictment charging defendant with conspiracy to manufacture 100 or more marijuana plants in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 846, 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(B)(vii). On the basis of the record made at the hearing, I find that defendant is fully capable and competent to enter an informed plea; that the plea is made knowingly and with full understanding of each of the rights waived by defendant; that it is made voluntarily and free from any force, threats, or promises; that the defendant understands the nature of the charge and penalties provided by law; and that the plea has a sufficient basis in fact.

I therefore recommend that defendant's plea of guilty to Superseding Indictment be accepted, and that the court adjudicate defendant guilty. Acceptance of the plea, adjudication of guilt, and imposition of sentence are specifically reserved for the district judge.

Date: March 24, 2009

/s/ Ellen S. Carmody  
ELLEN S. CARMODY  
United States Magistrate Judge

**NOTICE TO PARTIES**

You have the right to de novo review of the foregoing findings by the district judge. Any application for review must be in writing, must specify the portions of the findings or proceedings objected to, and must be filed and served no later than ten days after the plea hearing. *See* W.D. MICH. L.CR.R. 11.1(d).